

WI Parks Committee meeting
MINUTES
August 18, 2014

Present: Liz Holmes, Donna Benson, Ron Overdahl, Ted Hansen, Randy Sorenson, Cheri Miotke

1. Call to Order 4 p.m.
2. Approval of July 9, 2014 minutes. Motion to accept by Randy S., 2nd Ron O. Motion carried.
3. Communications – Schoolhouse Beach was listed as the best 'shingle' (pebble) beach in US, by USA Today.

Liz Jorgenson was approved by Town board as a new member of the committee.

4. Discussion/recommendations
 - Little Lake** – a plan was presented for the dock extension & viewing platform at Little Lake. Motion was accepted for approval. Liz will present to town board for approval.
 - Motion made by Liz Holmes, 2nd by Randy S. to ban dogs from Town owned swimming beaches, ie; **Gislason and Schoolhouse**. Motion carried. Liz will bring recommendation to Town board. *Leashed* dogs will be allowed at all other town parks. Dogs will be allowed in water at town owned Public Accesses to water.
 - Witness Tree** – Mike Miotke is making a new sign.
 - Heritage Trail** – Mike Miotke and Donna Benson redid the trail sign. Brush has been cleared in front of sign. 3 loads of REA wood chips have delivered to trail site but have yet to be spread on the trail.
 - Mountain Park** – Liz reported that an agreement has been reached with owners of property. Price of rental is needed. Town needs access to tower for maintenance.
 - Percy County Park** – Round firepits have been removed, but nothing has been done by the county on new bathrooms and running water.
 - Gislason Beach** – question was asked about cats @ beach and Red Barn. Donna believed they were all gone.
 - Sand Dunes Park** – Question was asked if DC Land Trust would be interested in purchasing this property because of the endangered Dunes Thistle and Dwarf Dunes Iris.
 - **Ash Borer** – Mary Marik stated that county is cutting all natural ash trees in Ephraims Bluff County Park. Does Washington Island have any ash trees in any of the parks, and if so, should they too be removed?
 - fish cleaning stations** – discussion on need for fishing cleaning stations.
5. **Date of next meeting – Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, 4 PM, Rutledge Room**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm. Motion by Randy S, 2nd by Liz H. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna Benson, Secretary